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REMARKS

This Supplemental Preliminary Amendment presents the changes above and presents further information as follows.

PENDING CLAIMS

Original Claims 1-11 were cancelled (without prejudice or disclaimer) in the Preliminary Amendment filed with the application on 9 February 2004, and new Claims 12-21 were presented for examination. Claims 12-21 are herein amended, and new Claims 22-31 are submitted, in order to adjust a clarity and/or focus of Applicant's claimed invention. That is, such changes are unrelated to any prior art or scope adjustment, and are simply refocused claims in which Applicant is presently interested. At entry of this paper, Claims 12-31 will be pending for consideration and examination in this application.

RESERVATION OF RIGHTS

It is respectfully submitted that any and all claim amendments and/or cancellations submitted within this paper and throughout prosecution of the present application are without prejudice or disclaimer. That is, any above statements, or any present amendment or cancellation of claims (all made without prejudice or disclaimer), should not be taken as an indication or admission that any objection/rejection was valid, or as a disclaimer of any scope or subject matter. Applicant respectfully reserves all rights to file subsequent related application(s) (including reissue applications) directed to any/all previously claimed limitations/features which have been subsequently amended or cancelled, or to

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any/all limitations/features not yet claimed, i.e., Applicant continues (indefinitely) to maintain no intention or desire to dedicate or surrender any limitations/features of subject matter of the present application to the public.

EXAMINER INVITED TO TELEPHONE

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the local D.C. area number of 703-312-6600, to discuss an Examiner's Amendments or other suggested action for accelerating prosecution and moving the present application to allowance.

CONCLUSION

This Preliminary Amendment is being submitted within three (3) months of the filing date of the above application, and is therefore timely. Attached hereto is a Form PTO-2038 authorizing payment of the requisite claims fee. Please charge any actual deficiency in fees due for entry of this paper to ATSK Deposit Account No. 01-2135 (as Case No. 500.35360CX2).

Respectfully submitted,



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